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SUBJECT: FERRERO-WALDNER RAISED GAO ZHISHENG WITH CHINESE  
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Classified By: USEU Political Counselor Mary Curtin for reasons 1.4 (b)  
and (d)

European Commissioner for External Relations Benita  
Ferrero-Waldner raised the case of Gao Zhisheng directly with  
Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi on March 30, at our  
request (REF B). European Commission Director for China  
Michalis Rokas, of DG RELEX, told us on April 21 that  
Ferrero-Waldner received no substantive response, and that FM  
Yang acted as if individual cases like this one were beneath  
him. Rokas is hopeful that the Chinese will respond at the  
next EU-China Human Rights Dialogue, tentatively scheduled  
for May 14. An EU-China summit is scheduled to take place in  
Prague on May 20.

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